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RE: UNITED STATES v. RANDY BOYD

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced the sentencing on June 2, 2003 in United States District Court of Randy Boyd, age 38, of Sacramento, California. Boyd was sentenced by Honorable Richard J. Arcara, Chief Judge, to a term of imprisonment of 292 months in the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons and 3 years supervised release.

On September 11, 2002, Boyd pled guilty before Judge Arcara to one count of possession of a listed chemical with intent to unlawfully manufacture a controlled substance in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(d) and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

Pursuant to his plea of guilty, Boyd admitted that in August 2000, he and his wife, Cheri Boyd traveled from California to Ontario, Canada for the purpose of purchasing approximately 25 kilograms of ephedrine, a Schedule I chemical which is used in the unlawful manufacture of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. Boyd and his wife were arrested as they attempted to enter the United States from Canada over the Whirlpool Bridge on August 26, 2000 following the discovery of the ephedrine hidden in a motor home being driven by Boyd. Boyd admitted that it was his intent to in fact manufacture methamphetamine with the seized ephedrine.

By virtue of his plea of guilty, Boyd also admitted that he unlawfully possessed a firearm in Linda, California after he was released on bail and absconded.

This conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Drug Enforcement Administration under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Mark Peterson, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Smith and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Milton Drug Section.

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